



# FIRESTONE

VINEYARD



## SANTA YNEZ VALLEY 2016 | Chairman Series Lineage

*Founded in 1972, Firestone was the first major estate winery to sink roots in the Santa Ynez Valley. The winery's proximity to the Pacific Ocean, a mere 26 miles to the west, ensures a relatively mild and arid climate throughout the year. The moderate weather and complex, rocky soils make this a perfect setting for our 340 acres of Bordeaux, Rhone and Burgundian varieties.*

**VINEYARDS** The Santa Ynez Valley is located just two hours north of Los Angeles and five hours south of San Francisco, adjacent the cold Pacific Ocean. With the greatest concentration of wineries in Santa Barbara County - roughly 18% of its total land planted to vineyards - it is among the favorite weekend destinations for wine aficionados in the Central Coast region.

**VINTAGE** 2016 was another vintage of both high quality and quantity of fruit. We had an early bud break, which began in the third week of February, and a warm spring that led to slightly earlier bloom. Summer temperatures were mild and warm resulting in a good fruit set and average yields. We harvested all the fruit on August 23, 2016 - the earliest harvest to date - in cool temperatures to ensure cold fruit at pressing.

**WINEMAKER'S NOTES** The Chairman Series Lineage is composed of some of our best vineyard lots throughout the Santa Ynez Valley. This accounts for its tremendous complexity. This 2014 bottling is alluring and sophisticated, with Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Malbec, Cabernet Franc and Merlot making up the final blend. Memorably lush aromas of black cherry, spiced plum, violets and cedar with flavors of cocoa, espresso and clove fill the glass. The palate has an impressive tannin-acid structure, making this an ageworthy wine. Notes of vanilla, toasty oak and baking spices linger on the smooth finish.

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AVA - Santa Ynez Valley | ALCOHOL - 14.5% | TA - 6.7 g/L | PH - 3.69

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AGING - 24 months months in French, Hungarian and American oak, 25% new

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COMPOSITION - 52% Merlot, 18% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Petit Verdot, 13% Malbec

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BOTTLING DATE - August 8, 2018

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